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Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

An evangelist, whose acrobatic stunts in the pulpit, include everything usually seen in a 2-ring circus, with the exception of a trapeze, is headed for the valley.

Clara Hamon Smith was acquitted, as everybody expected she would be. She now has nothing to live for, but all the millions she can get out of the movies.

A FEMINE M. WOMACK

(Yreka Journal)

Mrs. C. A. Mitchell, who has been here visiting her son, Mr. Perry Hill, left a few days ago for Humboldt, where she will spend several months prospecting and pocket hunting.

Mrs. Mitchell sold her last mine the past winter and expects to soon have a few more.

Russia and England have signed a trade treaty. England gains no advantage, except to get both hands firmly gripped in the whiskers of Russian commercial progress.

In chasing Non-Partisan visionaries out of the state, after forcing them to father their own hides with tax, Kansas declines for the first time in its history, an opportunity to go crazy.

The women folks are gradually closing negotiations for getting under a new spring hat.

NOTICE

On, and after this date, I will not be responsible for any rain falling on the Sabbath, as the same has left my bed and board.

WEATHERMAN.

INK AND DRINK

(Oakland Tribune)

"Darling, I have a confession to make. As I told you in my last letter that when I got those Well, I have been about half tight ever since, and I intend to let two letters of yours, I got drunk, stay that way until you come home. The only trouble with that arrangement is that every time I get drunk, instead of forgetting you and your letters, I only want you more and love you about twice as much, if that can be possible.

More people were killed in auto accidents last year than at Chateau Thierry. Demon gasoline! Cyclone cellars, with doors swinging both ways, should be built along the dikes.

Locomotive engineers whistle for everything required by the Espie rules and regulations, but mostly for meanness.

There has been a heavy decline in girls' gadding, up and down the Main Stem of late.

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(Dorris (Cal.) News)

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"HARNEY STOCKMAN SHOT IN LOWER BASIN"

(Headline Bend Times). Cruel and unusual.

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Louis Ulrich of Jacksonville drove over Thursday. More reckless driving.

"FARMERS URGED TO USE POLSON NEXT WEEK"—(Corvallis Gazette Ad). If this don't lower what the farmer buys, and boost what he sells, nothing will.

"NO CHANGE AMONG CHURCH OFFICERS"—(Headline Portland Telegram)—A financial stringency due entirely to inefficient handling of the contribution box.

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THE HAMON MURDER TRIAL.

THE Clara Smith Hamon murder trial is over,—for which many thanks. For a week it has overshadowed every other event in the world's news,—from the revolt in Russia to the occupation along the Rhine. And in many quarters newspapers are condemned for smearing their front pages with details of a sordid crime, which in the opinion of the morally fastidious, only appeal to the lower and baser passions.

Why is it? Does one find the answer in the depravity of the press? We doubt it. Neither newspaper editors, or news service directors, distribute the details of such an affair, from any impulse of self-gratification. They merely follow the obligation of their trade, which is to supply the public with news,—that is, with items which the public demand readers news.

And the Clara Hamon trial was news. It was big news for a variety of reasons. In the first place it came during a lull. There was no news competition. The main events in the European drama were over. With the President's message delivered, everything was quiet in Washington. The boards were cleared, so to speak, for Clara.

In the next place this case contained in a peculiar sense, those elements of human and dramatic interest, which appeal and as long as human nature remains what it is, will appeal to the rank and file of mankind. True the eternal triangle is as old as the Pyramids, and the human drama involved not only has been enacted since the Flood, but is being enacted every now and then in every corner of the world, from Gopher Prairie to Gallipoli.

Why then should the Smith-Jones drama never emerge from local obscurity while this Hamon drama, essentially identical, should flash from coast to coast and even across the sea?

The answer is, the prominence of the principals. Hamon was a man of wealth, and power. And because he was that, his tragedy attained that reality, which is impossible when only the Smiths and the Jones are concerned.

And that factor of reality gave the Hamon trial, the one element it needed to place it front stage, as news. The world is not interested in anonymity. And only prominence, as possessed by the Hamons, the Tlows, the Stillmans and the Stokes, can destroy this anonymity.

So with the element of reality achieved, the Hamon murder, took its place, not only with the great criminal cases of the day, but automatically achieved that dramatic unity, which has given certain examples of literature permanence, from the Assyrian annals cut in stone, through the Greek tragedies, to the modern problem plays, and unlike many of its predecessors the Hamon drama was extremely moral,—teaching without mitigating details, the time-honored truth that the wages of sin is death.



Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason

REALISM.

WHEN I have filled my fountain pen and found some fool-cap blue, I'll write a tale of tiresome men, and tiresome women too. I'll chronicle their tiresome deeds, the tiresome things they say; 'twill be so dull the sport who reads will throw the book away. Some little ten cent human soul I'll analyze with glee, and hoist it on a pole, so all the world may see. And dead game sport, who read my book will rend their beards and wail, "Oh, let the public hangman cook so punk and fierce a tale!" But book reviewers, bulging-browed, will praise it, line by line; "One book above the crowd stands forth, sublime and fine. The tale begins where it should end, and ends where it should start; no heroes through its pages wend, no villains grieve the heart; it has no action and no plot, no motive can be found; and yet the volume hits the spot, its technique is so sound. This is no tale of blood and bones, but one in which we find the soul of Pete Augustus Jones described as 'twas designed." If you are tired of stirring tales where villains get the hook and virtue in the end prevails, wait till I write my book.

How Much Do You Know?

- 1—How many earthquakes have there been in the United States in the last fifty years?
2—What sort of weather does a rapid rise of the barometer indicate?
3—How long does the average bee live?
4—What was the worst coal mine disaster that ever occurred in United States?
5—What countries harvest wheat in January?
6—How long is a book protected when it is copyrighted?
7—What is the pay of a cadet at West Point?
8—How much money has John D. Rockefeller given to charity and works of public welfare?
9—Who organized the military order of the Loyal Legion?
10—What is the strength of the police force of New York City?
Answers to Yesterday's Questions
1—Who was Croesus? Ans. He was a king of Lydia in Asia Minor who came to the throne about 585 B. C. The Greek cities of Asia Minor fell before his armies and he became the possessor of vast wealth.
2—What are the three shapes of bones? Ans. Bones are long, like the arm bone, flat as the shoulder blade and short and irregular as the bones in the wrist.
3—What happened to Daniel Boone when Kentucky was admitted to the national union? Ans. He lost his holdings in the state for lack of proper title.
4—How many muscles are there in the human body? Ans. There are 499 muscles in the human body. Most of them are in pairs and all are named.
5—What insect exists in one hundred thousand varieties? Ans. There are about 100,000 different kinds of beetles varying in form, size, color and habit.
6—How many times was Patrick Henry re-elected governor of Virginia? Ans. He was re-elected four times.
7—Who was king of England when the Revolutionary war was fought? Ans. George the Third was king then.
8—How many wars are included in the term "French and Indian wars"? Ans. Four wars are included in the term "French and Indian Wars". They are known as King William's war, Queen Anne's war, King George's war and the specifically entitled French and Indian war.
9—How often do birds molt? Ans. Birds molt, or shed their feathers, once each year.
10—What was George Eliot's right name? Ans. The author George Eliot's right name was Marian Evans.

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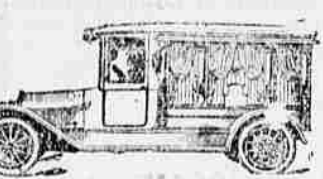
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